

	Payments Rs. in Crs.	Average Unit price	Energy Purchased MUs MUs
Bill of October 2000	184.51	6.90	267.26
Bill of November, 2000	148.04	8.00	184.95
Bill of December, 2000	152.86	8.54	179.02

Average unit price is based on actual energy purchased from DPC.

(c) and (d) DPC on 25.1.2001, invoked the Guarantee given by Government of Maharashtra (GOM) for recovery of an outstanding sum of around Rs. 89 crores towards the bill raised by DPC on MSEB pertaining to November, 2000. Due to failure by the Government of Maharashtra (OM), as the primary guarantor to make the said payments, DPC later on invoked the guarantee given by Government of India by placing a demand under the provisions of the GOI guarantee for recovery of the outstandings dues from MSEB pertaining to the bill for November, 2000. However, MSEB have since paid the entire outstanding dues to DPC towards the Bill for November, 2000 and, therefore, the need for making any payments to DPC under the GOI guarantee did not arise.

#### **MoU signed with SEBs**

1282. SHRI V. V. RAGHAVAN:

SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are signing Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the State Electricity Boards to implement power reforms;

(b) if so, how many State Electricity Boards have signed MoUs so far; and

(c) what are the details of the financial assistance being granted to such SEBs for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (c) Ministry of Power is not signing any MoU with State Electricity Boards. However, the MoUs have been signed with State Governments of Karnataka, UP, MP, Gujarat and Haryana. In the MoUs States have committed to achieve milestones in reforming power sector. The milestones include setting up of State Electricity Regulatory Commission, 100% metering, energy audit, reduction of technical and commercial losses etc. The Government of India has committed its support through additional allocation of power from unallocated share of power from Central Generating stations, assistance to

develop transmission system, financial assistance through Accelerated Power Development Programme (APDP) for strengthening of sub transmission and distribution as well as for renovation and modernisation of old thermal and hydel power plants.

**Amount allocated under Rural Water Supply Programme**

†1283. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise amount allocated under Rural Water Supply Programme and, 'Pradhanmantri Gramodaya Yojana' during 1999-2000 and 2000-2001;

(b) whether issues relating to quality and not getting the desired results have come up before Central Government in this regard and if so, the reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to frame rules for fixing up of responsibilities towards schemes and people's participation with the Governments of the States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) Drinking water supply being a State subject, the schemes for supply of safe drinking water to the rural habitations of the country are implemented by the State Governments under the State sector Minimum Needs Programme (MNP). The Central Government supplements the efforts of the States by providing funds under the Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme ((ARWSP). The powers to plan, sanction and implement individual rural water supply schemes have been delegated to the State Governments. A statement indicating funds allocated under the ARWSP and the provision made under MNP by the State Governments for Rural Water Supply Programme during 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 is at statement-I (See below). Further, Central funds are also provided to the States as Additional Central Assistance (ACA) under Prime Minister's Gramodaya Yojana (PMGY)-Rural Drinking Water from the year 2000-2001. PMGY provides assistance to five sectors namely, Primary Education, Primary Health, Rural Shelter, Rural Drinking Water and Nutrition. An amount of Rs. 2,500 crore has been provided as ACA for these five sectors. A minimum of 15% of the total ACA to each of these five sectors has been provided. States/UTs are required to decide about the remaining 25% of the allocation among the five sectors. A statement indicating the funds allocated under PMGY-Rural Drinking Water during the

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